

## PTA Council Installs New Officers at Annual Brunch

More than 400 of the city's top Parent-Teacher Assn. officers and members were on hand this last Tuesday, as Mrs. Kenneth McVey was installed as president of the Torrance Council PTA to succeed Mrs. D. D. Tuggle.

Meeting at the Torrance Civic Auditorium in the Council's annual May Brunch, the PTA leaders enjoyed a light breakfast and cleaned up the

group's business slate by announcing scholarship winners, presenting unit awards, and hearing annual reports on various projects of the organization.

Special guests at the affair included Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and four of his top aides, Drs. A. N. Posner and Warren Hamilton, S. E. Waldrip, and Mrs. Margaret Denmark. Special PTA guests included Mrs. Everett Findlay, 33rd District president; and Mrs. Don Bragichaneau, district music chairman.

Scholarship winners announced at the meeting included Jim Warnemuende of North High and Gary Burner of Torrance High. Unit receiving program awards included all Torrance schools except the two whose units were organized during the year.

Organizations singled out for record book awards were the Seaside, Torrance Elementary, Fern-Greenwood, Arlington, Sepulveda, Anza, North High, and the Council.

Reports given on the milk and lunch fund project of the Council indicated that more than \$1000 was collected during the year for the milk fund, and that nearly all of it was expended for 2861 lunches, and 3736 half pints of milk. All the money in the milk fund was contributed by the various PTA units of the city.

Following the annual business meeting, the Mothersingers, under the direction of Mrs. J. N. Oswell, entertained the group.

## LOCAL WINNERS IN GERANIUM SHOW

At the Southwest Branch of the International Geranium Show held recently, Mrs. Elsa Stone of Torrance, received the blue ribbon for her collection of wild geraniums. She also won the third ribbon on collection of wild leaves of geraniums.

Oliver Stone won the blue ribbon on the best specimen collection of g. robertianum and Mrs. Stone won the blue ribbon on the g. maculatum with Mr. Stone winning the third ribbon.

These were the only wild collections of their kind on exhibit.

The Geranium Society will enter a floor display at the Hawthorne Garden Club show June 7-8 under Mrs. Stone's direction.

## MOUNTAIN TRIP

Miss Judy Wolf of Torrance, student at USC at Santa Barbara, spent five days recently in the High Sierras with members of her sorority.



TORRANCE DELEGATION . . . When the 59th annual state convention of California Congress of Parents and Teachers Assn., 33rd district, was held in San Francisco, Torrance was well represented. Pictured in the San Francisco hotel headquarters (from left, seated) are Mmes. J. R. Allison, Carr; Paul Brasewell, Howard Wood; Elmer Ecker, El Nido; Gordon Stephens, Anza; Kenneth McVey, council president; James McClure, Torrance Elementary; Doyle Henderson, Edison, and D. C.

Robbins, Newton. Second row: Mmes. I. G. Christensen, Parkway; Harry Harter, Seaside; F. M. Griffin, Riviera; Francis Stutler, Arlington; C. M. Richards, Crenshaw; Edward Conry, Fern-Greenwood; R. J. Williams, Meadow Park; David Sokoloff, South High. Back row: Mmes. Paul Crossman, Torrance High; C. Russak, Walteria; Kenneth Edwins, Flavian; Robert Hagenbaugh, Madrona; Barton Peters, Casimir; Wendell Morgan, Perry; Thomas Green, Steele, and Joe Begando, North High.

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

## Elementary

Mrs. J. T. McClure will succeed Mrs. R. T. Thompson as president of Torrance Elementary PTA at its Wednesday meeting, as Mrs. Kenneth W. McVey, president of PTA Council, installs the new officers.

The following officers will be installed to assist Mrs. McClure, Mrs. T. S. Eason, first vice president; D. Boone Kirks, second vice president; Mrs. H. R. Irvine, third vice president; Mrs. R. V. Figuredo, recording secretary; Mrs. J. J. Mullin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. S. Friberg, treasurer; Mrs. V. E. Lessinger, historian; Mrs. W. G. Metzner, auditor.

The big event of the evening will be the awarding of trophies to the winners in the recent paper drive. There will be 24 awards presented.

The Girls Glee Club will provide the entertainment.

## FERN-GREENWOOD

A luncheon was served at the May meeting of the executive board of the Fern-Greenwood PTA last week at the home of Mrs. I. R. White, 1516 Fern Ave.

Final plans for the annual teacher luncheon to be held May 22, at the home of Mrs. L. H. Voien, 1724 Hickory, were made. Luncheon is served to all the teachers at the Fern-Greenwood school by the executive board.

In further business the board recommended the PTA unit vote a sum of \$25 to be given to the American Field Service. Mrs. Art Campbell, president, announced the seventh grade at the Greenwood school will present an operetta "Tom Sawyer" on May 21 and 22, at 7:30, in the Fern cafeteria.

There will be a Parent Education meeting May 21, at 10 a.m. in the Fern cafeteria. The subject is arithmetic.

## Harbor City

"Dancing Satellites" is the theme for the May Festival at Harbor City School. At 10:30 a.m., May 22, at the school playground eight groups of dancers, from kindergarten through the sixth grades will entertain, all clad in costumes depicting outer space.

This activity culminates the rhythm program for the year. Members of the PTA will operate booths, offering various refreshments, bakery goods, handwork, and white elephants.

## El Nido

Kindergarten Roundup will be held at El Nido school on May 28. All children who will be entering the El Nido kindergarten next September may be registered on this day.

Children and parents may meet the teacher, Mrs. Marilyn Buck, and PTA members. Children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 2 to be eligible to enroll.

## White

Board members of Stephen M. White PTA met May 12 in the teachers' cafeteria. Several issues were brought up. The cookie drive was a success with Mr. Cogan and Mr. Reed's A9 homerooms selling 1000 boxes.

PTA president, Mrs. Oscar Smith, went to the CCPT convention held in San Francisco, May 6-9.

The May 20 association meeting will be held in the auditorium at 2 p.m. with the topic "Building for Tomorrow." A fashion show will be given by girls of the homemaking department showing the garments they have made this past year. The homemaking department will also serve refreshments. Mrs. Robert Snyder will serve as installing officer for the new Stephen M. White PTA leaders.

May 21 is the International Luncheon by Gateway Council. The time is from 11 to 1:30 p.m. at the VFW hall in Gardena. All proceeds will go to the new Gardena Health Center.

June 5 at 10 a.m. district meeting will be held at Wilmington Jr. High.

## G-W Council

Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA met recently at Dolores Street School to conduct the second in a series of five courses in Parent-Teacher Information.

First course was held at 135th Street School, under the direction of Mrs. Clinton Dickson of 10th District, and the subject was history and organization of the PTA. Mrs. L. E. Montenegro conducted the second meeting on parliamentary procedure.

Purpose of these courses are to instruct future officers, officers-elect and interested members. Policy, procedures and history are all to be covered.

Mrs. C. N. Peterson, president of the council, gave the dates on the other classes: May 1 at Carson Street School, Finance, Mrs. Clyde Simpson; May 15 at Wilmington Park, Leadership, Mrs. J. A. Major; May 22 at 186th Street, Committees, Mrs. R. V. Hauser; Mrs. William Shier and Mrs. Peterson will conduct a make-up class May 27 at Carson Street School.

PTAs attending the classes are: Amestoy, Carson Street, Catskill Ave., Chapman Ave., Del Amo, Denker Ave., Dolores, Fries Ave., Gardena Elementary, Gulf Ave., Hawaiian Ave., Parche Ave., 186th St., 156th St., 153rd St., 135th St., Towne Ave., 232nd Pl., Wilmington Park.

## FETE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Wood hosted a dinner party recently at the Plush Horse Restaurant in honor of Miss Vivian Wyman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Fred Jones of Evansville, Ind.

## Evelyn Carr

April meeting of the Evelyn Carr PTA was conducted by the president, Mrs. Roland Stamm, in the cafeteria. Student Body Council led the flag salute. Val Meir gave an inspirational message. Mothersingers from Carl Steele and Evelyn Carr schools sang three selections "The Silent Sea," "Let's Dance," and "Be Kind to Your Parents."

Richard Weite, principal, introduced the teachers of the month—Mrs. Mary Gerardi, Miss Virginia Tuccinardi, Mrs. Aurora DeLuzardo, and Roscoe Jackman. Mrs. Jean Vance gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Berry Baker read the highlights of the executive board meeting.

Don Credell, vice principal, presented the program for the evening, "Carr Music Festival." Mrs. Doris Crosier, director, led the orchestra in the "Crusaders Hymn." The Primary Chorus, under the direction of James McDonald, and accompanied by Mrs. Betty Henton, sang "America," "America the Beautiful" and "It's a Grand Old Flag." The orchestra followed with a number of selections which included "Big Top March," "September Waltz," "March of the River Kwai," and "Winston Hoe Down." Soloists were Glen Eden, trumpet; Linda Kennedy, piano; Carolyn Everson, violin; and Gary Petersen, clarinet.

Girls' Glee Club, directed by Mrs. Marilyn Steele, sang "Japanese Sandman," "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," "Night and Day" and "He." Mrs. Crosier led the audience in "God Bless America" for the finale.

Mrs. Stamm introduced the chairmen of the month, Mrs. E. L. Clark, Mothersingers director, and Mrs. Walter Fresse, music chairman. First grade teachers and room mothers were hostesses for the evening.

Other PTA groups represented were those of Banning, Dana Junior, Gardena, Narbonne, Peary Junior, San Pedro; and S. M. White Junior High.

## JUNIOR GARDENERS

Junior Greenthumb Garden Club members are making their own gardens. They weed, cultivate and water their own plots.

This project was discussed at the meeting held Saturday May 3 at the Knight home.

After the meeting, refreshments were served. Members present were: Tommy, Jimmy and Jay Paterson, Susan and Claudia Fitzgerald, Jo Kay Louvier, and Alice Knight.

Guests were Jean Allen, Susan Knight and Bobby Maltery.

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## Gateway

The third class in the current Parent-Teacher Information series sponsored by Gateway Council and held in White Hall of S. M. White Junior High School was a two part session.

Mrs. Clinton H. Dickson, fourth vice president of 10th District California Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., as well as safety chairman of the congress, led the first part as she enlarged upon the topics of "History," "Organization" and "Policies."

It was learned that contrary to usual organizational procedure, the PTA movement began on a national level and worked its way down through state, district, and local associations. It was a success from the beginning.

In the after-recess session Mrs. R. V. Hauser, bulletin manager of 10th District and magazine chairman of the California Congress led the class in a discussion of "Committees."

There are eight basic committees in PTA as follows: membership, program, publicity, hospitality, budget and finance, publications and emblems, room representatives and also parent education.

Because of the unique activity in the field of child welfare, 10th District units also have ways and means, health, child welfare, and community chest committees giving active service.

Hostesses at a spring coffee table featuring yellow daisies and butterflies were Mmes. Joseph Butler of Fleming Junior High and E. G. Croom of Wilmington Junior High.

Mrs. Francis Anania, president of 223rd Street PTA has served as registrar for the series.

Other PTA groups represented were those of Banning, Dana Junior, Gardena, Narbonne, Peary Junior, San Pedro; and S. M. White Junior High.

Members of Cabrillo Avenue, Crestwood Street, 223rd Street, and Seventh Street units in Lomita-San Pedro Council were also in attendance.

## CAFÉ SOCIETY

Dining recently at the Plush Horse Restaurant were Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hurford of Hollywood Riviera, Judge and Mrs. John A. Shidler, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Zaumeyer of Torrance.

## L-S.P. Council

The April meeting of Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council was held at the 15th St. School with Mrs. Walter Talley, president, in charge.

PTA president, Mrs. Guido Zamperini, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and council hospitality chairman, Mrs. Andrew Falsetta, gave the inspirational.

Mrs. Hazel Stanton, coordinating council representative, gave a report on the coordinating council. School education chairman, Mrs. Amanda Wilhelm, also reported.

Community Chest awards were given to Bandini, Barton Hill, Cabrillo, Crestwood, 15th St., Halldale, Harbor City, Leland, Park Western, 259th, Point Fermin, 7th St., 223rd St. and White Point. Lomita Elementary was given a special award for meeting 100 per cent quota.

Mrs. Amanda Wilhelm presented the program which was a movie entitled "A Desk for Billie."

All PTA presidents introduced their principals and presidents-elect. The following schools were represented at this meeting—Bandini, Barton Hills, Cabrillo, Crestwood, 15th St., Halldale, Harbor City, Leland St., Lomita Elementary, Park Western Place, Point Fermin, 7th St., 2234rd St., 259th Pl., White Point.

## HOSTESS TO DOLL GUILD

Mrs. J. B. Kuska was hostess last Friday evening to members of the Orange County branch of the Doll Guild of California. Guests were the junior members. The group toured the gallery to enjoy the dolls and their costumes.

The hostess served refreshments.

Recent additions to the antique collections included four costumes of the gay '90s, a mother of pearl inlay guitar, an officer's silver belt buckle and sword used in the Revolutionary War, 1777.

## NOTE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Lander marked their return from Hong Kong, China, and also celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at the Plush Horse restaurant. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. William L. Sorenson of Tokyo, Japan.

## Installation At Sorority's Dinner Meet

"Aloha" was the keynote when members of Xi Zeta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mrs. John Wise, 15122 Florwood Ave., Lawndale, for a Hawaiian dinner.

Upon arrival each girl was presented a lei. Welcome was extended by Mrs. Raymond Millhouse, vice president. Beta Sigma Phi Grace was given by Mrs. Bill Crow. Programs were made by Mrs. Carl Andress.

Annual reports of the officers were given and a summary of this first year activities of Xi Zeta Lambda was reviewed by Mrs. Don Fisher, president, in her farewell message. A jeweled gavel guard for her sorority pin and a blue glass decanter were presented to Mrs. Fisher.

In a candlelight ceremony, Mrs. William Condit of Lambda Eta Chapter, officiated at the installation of officers for 1958-59. New officers are Mmes. Raymond Millhouse, president; Richard Evans, vice president; John Wise, treasurer; M. Waters, recording secretary; and Jack Baker, council representative.

Served from a table beautifully decorated with a setting of shells, gladioli and greenery, were Mmes. Jack Baker, Bill Crow, Richard Evans, Don Fisher, Raymond Millhouse, William Raines, John Wise, Carl Andress, Bill Condit and Miss Blanche Wright.

## APPAREL CLINIC SET FOR MAY 21

For the first time in Los Angeles County, a day-long clinic on family apparel problems will be held May 21, according to Lois S. Cline, University of California home advisor in Los Angeles County.

This clothing information day will feature fashion and textile exhibits, discussions from the platform by southern specialists in the garment field, and a panel discussion devoted to questions on apparel problems. Sessions will be held in the May Co. auditorium, 6150 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood.

Mmes. Art Cowie, Robert Banfield, Harley Coffey, George Morehart, Charles Hopkins plan to attend this meeting. Anyone wishing to go may get in touch with Mrs. Cowie and transportation will be arranged.



AT INSTALLATION . . . Mrs. Everett Findlay, 33rd district PTA president (left), presided at the PTA Council installation at a May brunch last Wednesday. Center is Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, retiring president, handing the gavel to Mrs. Kenneth McVey, who was installed as president, along with her executive board.

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